



# June 2007 Newsletter



## Funding for Afterschool Available

We hope you haven't missed that the Iowa Department of Education has released two Requests For Proposals:

The Supplemental Strategies and Educational Services Grant Program will provide funds to local school districts for the provision of supplemental strategies and educational services to students who do not meet the grade level expectations established by the school districts for English-language arts, social studies, mathematics, and science.

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/956/1114/>

The Before and After School Grant Program will provide funding to approved public school districts and other nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, public agencies, or private agencies whose students are part of the public school district attendance area. Grants may be awarded to serve elementary, junior high/middle school, and/or high school students. Collaboration and partnerships are strongly encouraged with all of these organizations in order to fully develop high-quality programs serving the needs of the community and students.

<http://www.iowa.gov/educate/content/view/957/1113/>

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance Policy Workgroup will meet July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11am at the Chrysalis Foundation Office at 300 East Locust Street, Suite 150 in Des Moines.

## Mark Your Calendar for Iowa's First Afterschool Conference!

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance is partnering with the Iowa School Age Care Alliance to hold a two-day professional development conference for afterschool staff and administrators.

The Conference, "**Afterschool Transformation: Results for Kids through High Quality Programs,**" will be held on **Friday, September 28 and Saturday, September 29, 2007** in Des Moines. More details to come!

## Call For Presentations! It's Not Too Late!

The Iowa School Age Care Alliance and the Iowa Afterschool Alliance are soliciting innovative and engaging proposals for presentations and workshops that will enhance the skills and knowledge of afterschool and school age care administrators and staff at their Professional Development Conference on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines. Topics include building relationships and connections, administration of programs, wellness and wellbeing for the whole child/youth, and curriculum and developmentally appropriate activities.

If you are interested in preparing a proposal or have questions, please call Rachel Scott at 515-237-0326 or Brooke Findley at 515-237-0331.

**The Iowa Afterschool Alliance (IAA) Newsletter is a monthly venue of information and updates on afterschool programs and policies. For more information, please contact Rachel Scott at [rscott@sppg.com](mailto:rscott@sppg.com) or 515-243-2000.**

We have already received a high number of proposals, but due to the high level of interest expressed, we are extending the deadline for conference presentations until 4:00 pm

## **National Summer Learning Day**

The National Summer Learning Day is July 12! Research shows that students must keep engaged in educational activities over the summer months to avoid learning loss. The Center for Summer Learning at Johns Hopkins University has released a National Summer Learning Day Event Planning Kit.

For more information, visit

<http://www.summerlearning.org/summerlearningday/plan.html>

## **June Funding Tip**

The Finance Project will be providing monthly funding tips for youth programs that will also be published in this newsletter.

### **Tip: Make Better Use of Existing Resources**

Targeting existing funding can often be a useful first step in implementing strategic financing improvements. One way you can make better use of existing resources is to reduce service and administrative costs through operational efficiencies, so your dollars can be stretched further. Other ways may involve exploring approaches to cut costs for individual program elements, achieving economies of scale across programs, and changing rules and regulations to make it easier for programs to access and blend available funding.

### **Did You Know?**

Did you know that you may request a copy of original proposals for previous successful grantees from state agencies and many other funders?

## **Gearing Up the Cedar Rapids Afterschool Alliance!**

Afterschool providers in Cedar Rapids are interested in local networking, advocacy activities, and sharing ideas. An email list has been created—if you'd like to be added to the list, please email Brooke Findley at [bfindley@sppg.com](mailto:bfindley@sppg.com). The IAA will work with members in the area to set up a conference call in July.

## **Calling All Rural Afterschool Programs!**

The national Afterschool Alliance has arranged an open call to discuss the issues and opportunities unique to rural afterschool programs. The call will be held from noon to 1pm on Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. To join the call, please use the following number:

Call-in:

1-888-809-4012

Access: 986-4957

## **An Opportunity to Perform!**

The Iowa School Age Care Alliance and the Iowa Afterschool Alliance is looking for an afterschool or school-age program to perform during lunch at their Professional Development Conference on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm. Please consider taking advantage of this great opportunity to show off your program or group! Please call Brooke Findley at 515-237-0331 for more information.

## **Announcing Building Partnerships for Youth's 1<sup>st</sup> National Professional Development Opportunity!**

Mark your calendars for February 27-28, 2008! This will mark the kickoff of a unique and exciting opportunity for individuals interested in putting Positive Youth Development concepts to work at the state level through interdisciplinary collaborations. Anyone that has responsibility or oversight for programs that positively impact the well-being of young people are encouraged to apply to lead a state team of professionals in this year-long professional development experience. This event, funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides travel, resources, tools and nationwide networking opportunities to teams of 4-6 youth and adults from state-level organizations ranging from health, education, faith-based, voluntary youth serving organizations and others.

For more information and application materials, visit

<http://www.bpy.n4h.org>